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### **JAMES SMITH CREE NATION VOWS TO STOP PROPOSED MINE UNLESS MORE BENEFITS PROVIDED**

CBC News – Oct 26

Leaders from the James Smith Cree Nation say they plan to stop a proposed diamond mine near Prince Albert, Sask., unless the mining company provides more benefits to the community. The Star-Orion Diamond Project, which would cover 9,200 hectares in the Fort à la Corne forest, recently passed an environmental assessment. The province said it has fulfilled its duty to consult but the James Smith Cree Nation announced yesterday it plans to fight the project unless the company negotiates a benefit agreement. "The way things stand, everyone else gets the benefits of a mine, while we are left with all the consequences," said Chief Wally Burns. "There will be no mine until our people's interests are satisfied."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/james-smith-cree-nation-star-orion-diamond-mine-1.4879195>

### **HYDR0 ONE INDSPIRE ANNOUNCE \$80,000 FOR INDIGENOUS POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS**

ILR Today – Oct 29

The bursaries will be given to Indigenous students in an Ontario accredited post-secondary institution studying electrical and mechanical engineering including apprenticeships, skilled trades and technicians such as: Electrical Engineering Technology and Technician Programs, Civil Engineering Technology and Technician Programs, Electrician, Power Line Technician, Truck & Coach Technician, Utility Arborist, and Meter Technician and also post-secondary programs in electricity and energy industry related disciplines such as Computer Science, Business, Information Technology, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science/Studies, Social Sciences/Humanities, and Indigenous Studies.

[http://www.ilrtoday.ca/hydro-one-and-indspire-announce-80000-for-indigenous-post-secondary-students/?fbclid=IwAR0\\_4h7AEdP4E56uCEjfglBgonGMm0OdB1w7mBxrA8Gys\\_V2LQPITR8oWBM](http://www.ilrtoday.ca/hydro-one-and-indspire-announce-80000-for-indigenous-post-secondary-students/?fbclid=IwAR0_4h7AEdP4E56uCEjfglBgonGMm0OdB1w7mBxrA8Gys_V2LQPITR8oWBM)

### **TRIBAL COUNCILS TO LEAD TECHNICAL SERVICES CO-OP**

Saskatoon Star Phoenix – Oct 29

Co-operatives First, a co-operative development incubator based in Western Canada, has helped launch a multi-tribal council First Nations technical service.

<https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/tribal-councils-to-lead-technical-services-co-op>

### **FORD JEOPARDIZING FUTURE MINING PROJECTS: MANTHA**

Elliot Lake Today – Oct 30

NDP MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, Michael Mantha, said that Doug Ford's continued failure to establish respectful working relationships with First Nations will hurt the advancement of future mining projects like the Ring of Fire. "We all know there's a huge potential in this province for mining, which will benefit Ontario's and Canada's economy," said Mantha, NDP critic for Northern Development and Mines. "However, nothing can be done unless the ground work is laid and we establish good relationships with First Nations in Ontario.

<https://www.elliottaketoday.com/local-news/ford-jeopardizing-future-mining-projects-mantha-1104612>

### **TLICHO ALL-SEASON ROAD NEAR NICO PROJECT APPROVED**

Mining.com – Oct 30

Fortune Minerals reports that the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories have accepted the environmental assessment approval for the modified Tlicho all-season road. The modifications were developed with the Tlicho government through a consultation process managed by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. The Tlicho government also approved the board's recommendation with modifications. The Tlicho Road involves the construction and operation of a permanent 97-km highway, extending north from Highway 3 to the Community of Whati in the Northwest Territories.

[http://www.mining.com/tlich-season-road-near-nico-project-approved/?utm\\_source=digest-en-mining-181030&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=digest](http://www.mining.com/tlich-season-road-near-nico-project-approved/?utm_source=digest-en-mining-181030&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=digest)

### **NO REVENUE SHARING FOR FIRST NATION FROM PROPOSED MINE: MINISTER**

PA Now – Oct 30

The Minister of Environment says the government does not offer revenue-sharing on projects such as the proposed diamond mine east of Prince Albert, and the benefits are for all people of Saskatchewan. Dustin Duncan was responding to a call from the James Smith Cree Nation (JSCN) for revenue-sharing from the project in the Fort à la Corne Forest. That's in addition to compensation plans and conditions laid out in the province's environmental assessment approval for the planned mine which would be located adjacent to JSCN reserve lands.

<https://www.panow.com/article/799207/no-revenue-sharing-first-nation-proposed-mine-minister>

### **FUTURE MINING WORKFORCE SET FOR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE BY 2024, ACCENTURE SAYS**

International Mining – Oct 30

Miners must prepare their workforce today to meet the demands of tomorrow's digital age, or risk future growth and innovation, according to Gaston Carrion, Talent and Organisation Lead for Accenture's resources practice in Australia and New Zealand. "Based on the current rate of technology adoption, the digital mine is no longer a pipe dream, so it's crucial that miners review their attraction, development and retention talent approaches," he said. "Now, more than ever, mining and metals companies need to look at their future talent needs and establish workforce and technology strategies to ensure they have a robust and appropriately skilled supply of employees."

<https://im-mining.com/2018/10/30/future-mining-workforce-set-substantial-change-2024-accenture-says/>

### **RECRUITMENT IN FULL SWING FOR INDIGENOUS WORKERS AT VOISEY'S BAY MINE**

CBC News – Oct 30

The Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership (LATP) is on a tour of the Big Land over the next month, looking to recruit Indigenous workers to the Voisey's Bay underground mine. ATP is a partnership between Nunatsiavut, Nunatukavut, Innu Nation and Vale. It has \$24 million dollars in government funding to recruit and train Indigenous people from Labrador to work at the mine. "You have to be a member of those three Aboriginal groups to avail of this training," Jacque said.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/labrador-aboriginal-training-partnership-tour-1.4884223>



Picture from Alan Coutts Twitter (Oct 30, 18) saying: "Listening to Greg Rickford's the Meet the Miners. He spoke of building "a corridor of prosperity" to the Ring of Fire that includes all Ontarians."